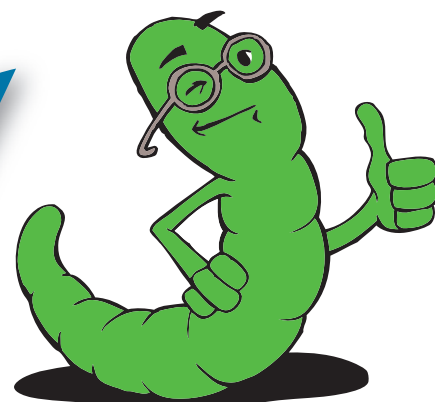


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A President for Sale

There are plenty of candidates besides McCain and Obama. How come we never hear about them?

To learn more about some of the other candidates for president, see the centerspread inside.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DAVE BAKER

By ERIN THOMPSON

If you read the news or watch TV news, you might think there are only two candidates running for president in November: Democratic candidate Barack Obama and Republican candidate John McCain. There are actually many other candidates from different parties, called third parties, running for president, too. But in the U.S. election system it is nearly impossible for anyone who is not a Democrat or Republican to win.

You need money to win the election because you have to buy TV ads and pay organizers to campaign across the country. Barack Obama and John McCain are expected to raise as much as \$500 million each to win the presidency. Obama alone has raised almost \$390 million so far, while Green Party candidate Cynthia McKinney has only raised \$170,591, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. How do the Democrats and

Who's Donating

OBAMA

Goldman Sachs: \$653,030
JPMorgan Chase & Co.: \$414,760
Citigroup Inc.: \$408,299
Google Inc.: \$404,191
Microsoft Corp.: \$326,847
Morgan Stanley: \$307,221
Time Warner: \$305,538

MCCAIN

Merrill Lynch: \$296,913
Citigroup Inc.: \$268,501
Morgan Stanley: \$234,272
Goldman Sachs: \$208,395
JPMorgan Chase & Co.: \$179,975
AT&T Inc.: \$174,497
Bank of America: \$129,475

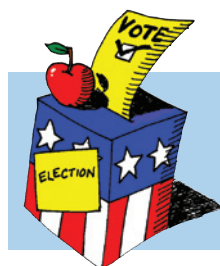
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Republicans raise so much more money than other candidates?

The money they raise mostly comes from people with ties to big businesses that hope to win favors from the new president. These businesses are happy with the two major parties.

Each person is allowed to contribute a maximum amount of \$4,600 per election to a candidate. Many of the contributions come from individuals working in specific industries and for certain large corporations. The company where the person works bundles the contributions as one lump sum to the candidates (see chart at left).

IndyKids readers don't have lots of money to influence candidates. But take a look at some of the candidates' positions on the issues in our center-spread inside, and think about who best represents your views. Hold a class vote and see who wins. And on page 7 read about other ways besides elections that kids and ordinary people can make a difference.



More Election Coverage Inside...

Special ballot inside so you can vote!
CENTERSPREAD



Peace rallies **PAGE 3**



How kids can get involved in politics
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Meet... Sun YiChen from China

Name: Sun YiChen, age 11

Home: Shanghai, China

Languages: Mandarin Chinese, Shanghai dialect, English

Favorite food: Dumpling (jiaozi)

School: Shanghai YuYi Primary

Favorite subjects: Sports and music

Favorite pastimes: Playing videogames and rollerblading

How he feels about China hosting the Olympics: "Excellent."

What he would like kids in the U.S. to know about his country: Great Wall and panda



China at a Glance

Formal name: The People's Republic of China

Population: 1,295,330,000 in 31 provinces; 56 ethnic groups

Capital: Beijing

Largest city: Shanghai

Official language: Mandarin

Currency: Renminbi (RMB), yuan

Average life span: 71 years

President: Hu Jintao, elected March 15, 2003

History: China was subject to foreign imperialism and invasions for centuries before there was a communist revolution in 1949, which replaced feudalism.

Learn a little Mandarin!

(pronunciation in parentheses)

How are you: Ni hao ("nee how")

I'm very well: Wo hen hao ("waw hun how")

Thank you: Xie xie ("shyeh-shyeh")

Friend: Peng you ("pung yo")

Let's eat: Wo men chi ba ("waw mun ch ba")

CHILD PROFILE COMPILED BY JUDI CHENG

17 hours

That's how long some kids said that they had to work during shifts at a meat processing plant in Iowa.

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Fighting in Oil-Rich Georgia

By AMANDA VENDER

In August, fighting broke out in Georgia, a country that spans Eastern Europe and Southwest-ern Asia. More than 100,000 people had to leave their homes due to the conflict, according to the United Nations.

The recent fighting began when the Georgian government, an ally of the United States, tried to take back a breakaway province, called South Ossetia, by force. South Ossetia is an ally of Russia. More than half of the people in South Ossetia are Russian citizens. Then Russia invaded Georgia to stop Georgia from invading South Ossetia.

President Bush said that Russia was bullying Georgia. "Bullying and intimidation are not acceptable ways to conduct foreign policy in the twenty-first century," he said. Russia said that it was only defending its citizens in South Ossetia who were attacked.

In a deal that was arranged by France, Russia said it would pull back its troops to where they were before. As the Russian troops withdrew, refugees started returning home.



PHOTOS BY ANTONIS SHEN; MAP BY THOMAS BLOMBERG

The United States helped build an oil pipeline (shown on map) through Georgia, a country where a war took place in August. The photos show a Russian tank (top right) and kids in Eredvi, a heavily damaged village.

While the fighting has stopped, there will likely be ongoing tensions. Most news on the conflict does not mention that Georgia is in a region with large amounts of oil and natural gas resources. Russia and the United States both want to control these natural resources.

The U.S. government helped plan the construction of an oil pipeline through Georgia that opened in

2005. The United States has also provided millions of dollars in funding to the Georgian government for military operations.

Michael Klare, defense analyst and professor at Hampshire College, explained on the news program *Democracy Now!*: "By building these [oil] pipelines, the U.S. is trying to undercut Russia's political and economic power in Europe. That's what this is about."

worldnews

U.S. Hits Civilians in Afghanistan

At least 90 civilians (people who are not soldiers), including as many as 50 kids, were killed in a U.S. military airstrike in Afghanistan at the end of August, according to the Afghan government. The United Nations estimates that nearly 700 Afghan civilians have been killed in fighting this year. Nearly 50,000 U.S. troops are in Afghanistan as part of the "war on terror."



Musharraf Resigns

Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf (below) resigned on August 19, facing charges of not following Pakistan's constitution. Musharraf took power in Pakistan in 1999 in a military takeover and suspended the constitution (stopped it from working) in 2007 so that he could stay in power. As a key U.S. ally in the "war on terror," Musharraf received billions in U.S. aid. Pakistan will hold elections to determine who will replace Musharraf as president.

Rebel Leader Now in Charge

The man who led an armed revolution in Nepal in 1996 was elected prime minister of the Asian country in August. Prachanda (right) is the leader of the Communist Party of Nepal. Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world. The revolutionary war in Nepal ended in 2006 with the overthrow of the monarchy. Now Prachanda plans to lead Nepal in writing a new constitution and transforming the country's economy and society.



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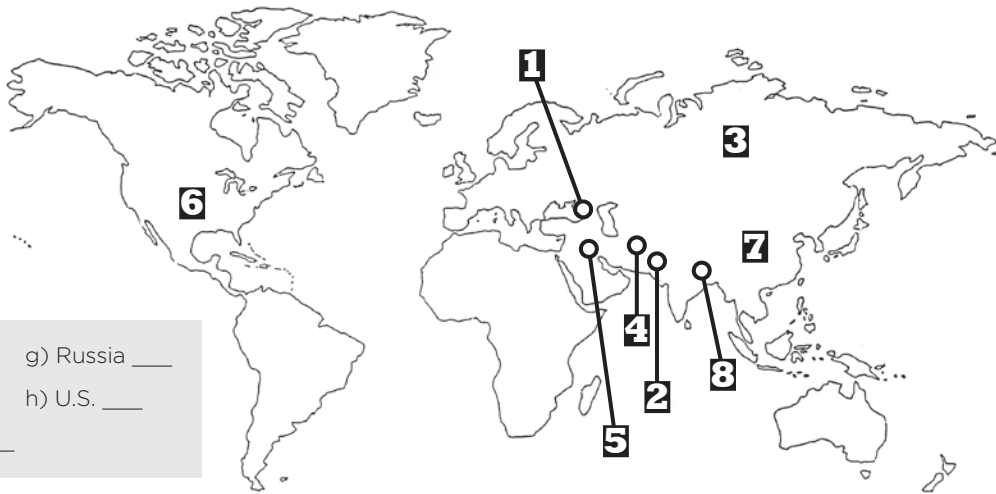
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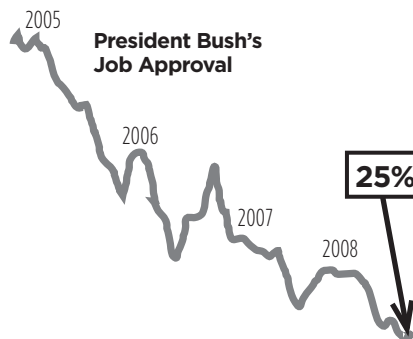
Where in the World?

All the countries listed below are mentioned in this issue. Can you match them with their general location on the world map at right? ... Answers at bottom of this page.

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|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| a) Afghanistan ____ | d) Iraq ____ | g) Russia ____ |
| b) China ____ | e) Nepal ____ | h) U.S. ____ |
| c) Georgia ____ | f) Pakistan ____ | |



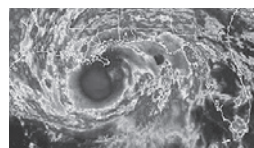
national news



No Love for Bush Or Congress

A recent Harris poll finds that only 25 percent of people polled have a good feeling about Republican President Bush. Only 18 percent have a good feeling about the Democratic-led Congress. People who responded to the poll said that the economy and the war in Iraq were the most important issues for the government to take care of.

Hurricane Season



Three years after Hurricane Katrina, another hurricane hit

Louisiana. Hurricane Gustav forced two million people to evacuate their homes along the Gulf of Mexico. The storm missed directly hitting New Orleans, where levees are still being rebuilt and many people are still rebuilding their homes. But Gustav caused widespread destruction on the island nations of Cuba and Haiti. Three hurricanes have hit Haiti so far this year, causing flooding and killing at least 170 people.

Big Businesses Get a Free Ride

Two-thirds of corporations (businesses) in the United States did not pay taxes from 1998 to 2005, according to a report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Of the big corporations, 28 percent paid no taxes in 2005.

L.A. Chokes on Too Much Fast Food

The Los Angeles City Council decided to ban the opening of new fast food restaurants in the city's poor neighborhoods. The ban is a response to rising concerns over public health and obesity, especially among the city's poorest people.



AMANDA VENDER

The Slaughterhouse Kids

Immigration raid uncovers children working in unsafe conditions

By JUDI CHENG

Officials in Iowa are accusing the largest kosher meat processing plant in the country, Agriprocessors Inc., of illegally employing child laborers under unsafe conditions. Fifty-seven children between the ages of 14 and 17, who were mostly immigrants from Latin America, worked with knives and saws, were exposed to hazardous chemicals, and even

Wilton says...
"How does this happen in the United States?"



worked in the plant's slaughterhouse.

Some children said that they had to work long hours, night shifts and 17-hour days. Children worked on racing assembly lines cutting meat or poultry. The meat processing plant offered little safety training and no overtime. "I was very sad," said Elmer L., a worker from Guatemala who started working at the plant when he was 16, according to the *New York Times*,

"and I felt like I was a slave."

It is against federal law for workers younger than 18 to work in meat or poultry plants slaughtering animals and packing meat. The child labor violations were uncovered after the federal government conducted the nation's largest-ever, single-site immigration raid on the meat processing plant. While the company faces \$500,000 to \$1 million in fines for employing child laborers, most of the immigrants arrested in the raid are now serving five-month jail sentences for working in the United States illegally and will be deported when they are released.



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Conventions Protesters Take to the Streets

In August and early September the Democratic and Republican parties each held national conventions to nominate their candidate for president. While the parties had speeches and celebrations, thousands of people gathered outside to protest what they see as a broken political system. Avoiding the "free speech zone" (left) set up by police to house demonstrators, protesters instead marched through the streets in Denver, Colorado, the site of this year's Democratic National Convention.



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I want to know
If you are going to stop the
war in Iraq and bring the
troops home, I hope you do.

What would the Next president
do to help people that are
losing their homes.

People take global warming seriously
What are you going to do about it?

Would you increase school
budgets?

What would you do about immigration.
Would you help them or keep them out?

ELECTION 2008 SPECIAL

You Asked! Now Here's Where They Stand

Take a look at how
the **CANDIDATES**
FOR PRESIDENT
stack up on these
MAJOR ISSUES.



Barack Obama
Democratic Party



John McCain
Republican Party



Ralph Nader
Independent



Cynthia McKinney
Green Party



Bob Barr
Libertarian Party



Gloria La Riva
Party for Socialism
and Liberation



The Iraq War

The U.S. invaded Iraq five years ago to stop Iraq from using weapons of mass destruction. No such weapons were ever found, but the war continues. One million Iraqis and 4,100-plus U.S. troops have been killed.

Remove most U.S. troops from Iraq by the year 2010; leave some troops to fight al Qaeda and to protect U.S. diplomats and U.S. citizens in Iraq

Keep U.S. troops in Iraq to establish a stable government; no withdrawal until al Qaeda in Iraq is defeated and a capable Iraqi security force is in place

Withdraw all U.S. troops, contractors and bases within six months; United Nations peacekeepers in Iraq; financial aid to help put Iraq back together

Withdraw all U.S. forces immediately from Iraq, Afghanistan and all other foreign countries; voted against Iraq War and against all funding for it

Withdraw U.S. troops as soon as possible; believes the invasion and occupation of Iraq were mistakes

Withdraw all U.S. troops, contractors and bases immediately; wants the U.S. to pay back the Iraqi people for the destruction it caused



The Economy

The cost of basic goods people need is increasing, but people's income is not going up. The numbers of unemployed people and people losing their homes is growing.

Lower taxes for working families, make it easier for workers to form unions; create more jobs; raise the minimum wage; more affordable housing

Create jobs; balance the budget; lower energy and health care costs for small businesses; lower taxes for businesses; help homeowners get a loan they can manage

Create jobs; raise minimum wage; stop giving lots of government money to big businesses and the military; rebuild transportation, schools and health facilities

Less money to the military prisons and big businesses; rebuild transportation and schools; create a national living wage; expand affordable housing

Greatly reduce government spending on everything, including programs to help the poor, big corporations and the military; private charities for the needy

Change economy so that basic needs of all people are met; stop evictions; raise minimum wage to \$15 an hour; job training for youths



Global Warming

Humans burning fossil fuels for energy have caused carbon dioxide and other gases to build up in the atmosphere. These gases are causing temperatures to rise and change weather patterns, threatening the planet.

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050; require companies to buy the right to pollute; create green jobs by making energy more clean and efficient

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions 66 percent by 2050; require companies to buy the right to pollute; develop low carbon-emission technology

Prioritize protecting the environment through all areas of government; punish polluters by making them pay a tax, and use the money to clean up the environment

Cut carbon emissions by giving funds for clean energy production and transportation; supports promoting solar, wind and other sustainable energy sources

Conduct more research on global warming to find out if humans are responsible for causing it; economic solutions for environmental problems

Change the economy so that corporations cannot make a profit by polluting; build public transit to reduce the need for cars and reduce global warming



Education

Many teachers feel that the focus on standardized multiple-choice tests has hurt the quality of teaching and learning. Only 70 percent of high school students graduate. It is extremely expensive to go to college, and Congress is giving less money for financial aid.

Less focus on standardized testing; more funding for Head Start (for low-income students), after-school and summer learning programs; better trained teachers; financial aid for college

Give parents the option to send their child to any school; money to move children from public to private schools

Standardized tests hurt real learning; wants other kinds of student assessments; provide full funding for Head Start and guarantee pre-school education for all children

Free high-quality education for all from pre-school through college; opposes efforts to take away public education

Locally managed education without funding or regulation from the federal government; end free public education and make education a private system that you pay for

Free, high-quality education for all from pre-school through college; standardized tests should not be used to decide which schools get funding



Immigration

More than 12 million undocumented immigrants live in the United States. Most left their home country because of poverty. Many undocumented immigrants take low-paying jobs and live in fear of being deported.

More fences and guards at border; punish employers who hire undocumented people; undocumented immigrants to become documented by paying a fine and learning English

More fences and guards at border; punish employers who hire undocumented people; undocumented immigrants to become documented by paying a fine and learning English

Address the unfair trade practices that force people to migrate in search of a better paying job; replace current trade agreements with agreements that protect the environment & workers

Address the unfair trade practices that force people to migrate in search of a better paying job; no fences along U.S.-Mexico border; make it easier for immigrants to get work permits

Keep undocumented immigrants from receiving public education and hospital services; make English the national language

No wall at the U.S.-Mexico border; give all undocumented immigrants legal status and full rights and equality with U.S. citizens.



Health Care

The United States is the only industrialized country that does not provide universal health care to all its citizens. Forty-seven million people don't have health insurance, while insurance companies make money on health care.

Affordable health insurance for all; lower costs; no one will be rejected from care because of age or illness

Affordable health insurance for all; lower costs; give a \$5,000 tax credit to help families buy health insurance

Replace the for-profit health insurance companies with a national health care system paid for by the government; provide free quality health care for all people

Replace the for-profit health insurance companies with a national health care system paid for by the government; provide free quality health care for all people

Reform the health care system to get rid of government regulations

Replace the for-profit health insurance companies with a national health care system paid for by the government; provide free quality health care for all people

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\$389,423,102

\$174,165,949

\$2,295,218

\$170,591

\$629,380

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It's Your Turn to Vote!

A ballot is used to make your vote for any elected official or political question. Based on what you know of the candidates and the chart on this page, who would you vote for? "Cast your ballot" with the rest of your class. Check the **star** by the candidate's name. Then have your teacher count the votes and see who wins!

★Ballot for 2008 Presidential Election★



Senator Barack Obama
Democratic Party



Senator John McCain
Republican Party



Cynthia McKinney
Green Party



Ralph Nader
Independent

Nader '08
Gonzalez



Rep. Bob Barr
Libertarian Party



Gloria La Riva
Party for Socialism & Liberation



Or write in your own choice:

Jenny the Elephant

After outcry from both American and Mexican animal rights' activists, a Texas zoo has decided to keep a 32-year-old elephant named Jenny, instead of sending her to a drive-through zoo in Mexico. Since being captured in the wild as a baby, Jenny has suffered from depression and panic attacks. She is a "special-needs elephant," Margaret Morin of Concerned Citizens for Jenny told the New York Times. Activists say that Jenny should get to spend her last years roaming on a 2,700-acre wild-life preserve in Tennessee.



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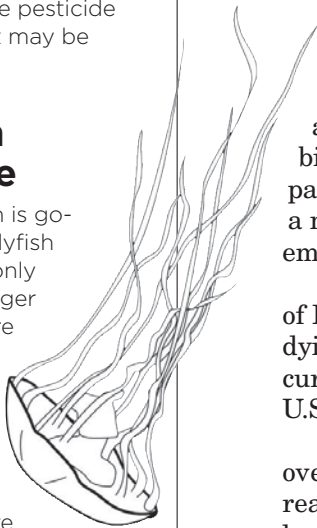
The Buzz on Disappearing Bees



Something strange is happening to honey bees. For the last few years many bees have been leaving their hives and not coming back. This is bad for humans, too, as about one-third of our food depends on bees pollinating plants. There may be a pesticide that is harming the bees. In August the National Resources Defense Council filed a complaint in court in order to get information about the pesticide that the U.S. government may be hiding.

Ouch! Jellyfish Are on the Rise

While the bee population is going down, numbers of jellyfish are going up. But that's only good for the jellyfish. Larger populations of jellyfish are damaging fish farms, stinging beach-goers and are a signal of the worsening health of the world's oceans. According to the National Science Foundation, there are more jellyfish because of warmer waters caused by global warming and because humans have caught too many of the fish that eat jellyfish.



\$866,000,000

That's what 12 sponsor corporations spent on the Olympics this year.

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Media Blinded

By MANUEL TEJADA

I want to raise a question: What's more important, a politician's sex scandal or issues like American and Iraqi deaths and the rising insurgency in Iraq?

Now, I'm not saying that these stories happening locally aren't important and shouldn't

be covered, but when the local

newspapers completely disregard the rest of the world on their front page, they have gone a little too far.

The local news media needs to report greatly on the international issues arising from Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, China and Africa without being

biased and report these issues on the front page. These countries and continents have a major impact on our lives as humans, as employees and as working families.

In Iraq, after five years, large numbers of Iraqi citizens and American soldiers are dying every day due to the inconsistent security for our soldiers and the mistake of the U.S. government authorizing war and not withdrawing troops.

When you start noticing local news disregarding the world over a small sex scandal, think critically about what you're reading and what the masters are trying to transmit. Why not have a front page article stating "4,000 Soldiers Dead in Iraq; 5 Years Later and No Progress."

Manuel Tejada, 15, goes to Beacon High School in New York City. He is a member of the Mirabal Sisters Cultural and Community Center youth group. This article is excerpted from a longer article that originally appeared in the youth group's April newsletter *Word Up!*

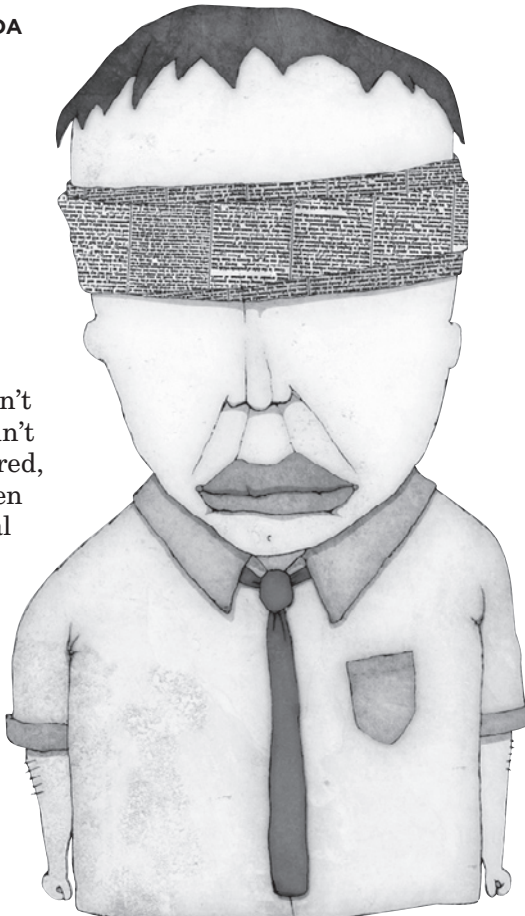


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The local news media needs to report on international issues on the front page.

Who Profits From the Olympics?

By INDYKIDS STAFF

Thousands of young people around the world dream of the glory of competing in the Olympics. Many spend their lives in training preparing for the Olympics. But are the Olympics all about athletic performance?

This year 12 corporations paid a total of \$866 million dollars to sponsor the Olympics in China, endorse athletes and advertise during the games. These companies, including Coca-Cola, McDonald's, General Electric and Johnson & Johnson hope to make millions selling their products worldwide to those who watched the Olympics on TV. These companies are also trying to sell their products to the people of China who companies see as "unbranded." They don't buy an item because of the brand name attached to it.

Companies hope that their association with the Olympics will make more Chinese people buy their products. "Certainly Beijing represents the biggest Olympics ever... but the Olympic impact on China and on the Chinese consumer will be every bit as significant," Charlie Denson, the President of Nike, told the *Financial Times*.

...
Olympics History: The first Olympic Games were held in 776 BC in Greece. Women, slaves and non-Greek speakers were not allowed to participate. Athletes competed naked, and were sometimes coated in olive oil to make their bodies look more beautiful. At first, the Olympics just had one foot race, with other events being added over the years.



Book Review: Dig into a Hundred-Year Mystery

By PEDRO LAHOZ WOLFE

Holes is about a boy named Stanley. Unlike other boys, he has to go to jail, even though he did not do anything wrong. Every day the boys have to dig holes five feet deep and five feet wide in a dried-up lake. Nobody tells them why they have to dig the holes until the very end, when Stanley solves the mystery.

When he finally escapes from the jail, following his friend Zero, he goes to the place his great-great-great-grandfather called the God's Thumb, the top of a mountain that looks like a gigantic thumb.

I liked *Holes* because it's a mystery set in two different periods of history. The book takes place in the present, and about 100 years ago, switching back and forth in time from Stanley

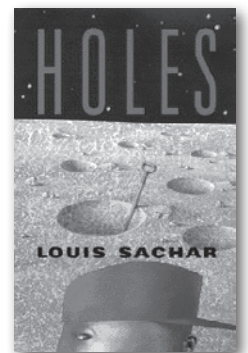
to his great-great-great-grandfather, Elya. Elya stole a few pigs about 100 years ago, and this had something to do with a terrible curse.

I also liked this book because it's about people helping each other. Stanley learns about friendship and cooperation. He and his friends fight against injustice and try to change things to make them more fair for everyone.

I'd recommend this book for kids who are into mystery, suspense or realistic fiction. The more you read, the more interesting it gets. You'll want to know what happens in the next chapter!

For the follow-up, look for *Small Steps*.

Pedro Lahoz Wolfe, 8, is a student in New York City.



Holes

By Louis Sachar
Laurel-Leaf Books

It's Time to Get Involved...

This fall U.S. citizens have the chance to vote. Voting is just one small part of a functioning democracy. A democracy is a government ruled by the common people, not just a few wealthy people. In addition to voting, here are some other ways in which the people participate in a democracy:

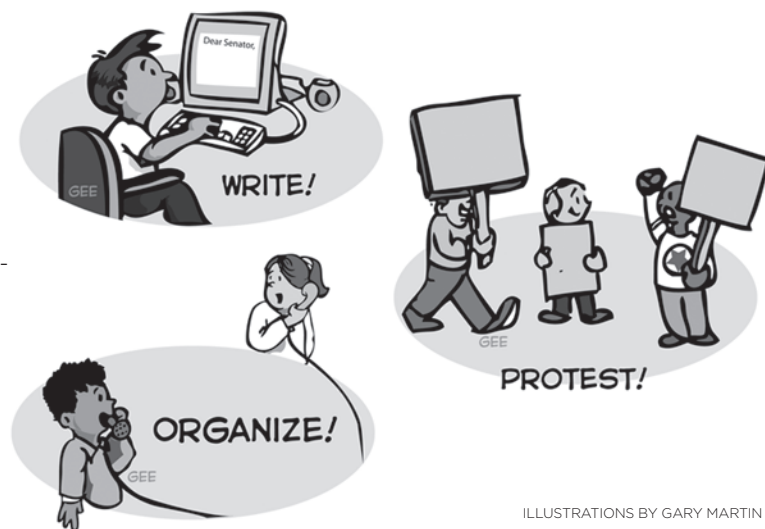
Writing a letter to the editor of a newspaper

Writing or calling a government official about an issue

Building and being part of a group or organization

Signing a petition or gathering signatures for a petition

Holding a rally or demonstration



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Going Beyond Voting

These students are involved in politics in a different way

By IZZY JAGNINSKI

With the upcoming elections, many of my classmates are excited to finally vote, as they have never felt included in our country's politics before. For myself and other organizers of the New York 2 New Orleans Coalition (NY2NO), however, voting is about as involved as watching Jon Stewart on TV.

Unlike many Americans who leave decision-making to their political representatives, students in our organization find alternatives to our country's current democratic process. We are creating a way for young people to be engaged in politics beyond voting. We want them to be angry about the injustices that go on in our country and take action against it.

I am an organizer for NY2NO, a student-led organization that started bringing high school students down to New Orleans on their school breaks after Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005.

I went on my first New Orleans trips with my school when I was 14. Each NY2NO trip has about 30 students from different New York City schools on it who work with the New Orleans Survivor Council/People's Organizing Committee. Students on our trips participate in reconstruction, gutting, yard work and most of all canvassing (going door to door and talking to residents) in an area of New Orleans most affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Our trips are not like relief trips. Everyone is actively learning from themselves and each other. If you're involved in NY2NO, even if you don't plan the trips, you are an organizer.

Back in New York, student organizers are planning what work we can do in our own communities utilizing the organizing skills that we have gained through our work in New Orleans.

...
Izzy Jagninski is a 16-year-old organizer with NY2NO who has been on five New Orleans brigades, three of which she co-organized.

your views

Letters to the editor, from kids like you

I think food prices should be lower. Many people can't afford the food. People should protest and save lives.

Daisy G., 6th grade, Brooklyn, N.Y.



I think that it is sad that three cops killed Sean Bell. Those cops should go to jail for at least 25 years. Sean Bell was unarmed, but they still shot him 50 times.

Katelyn, 6th grade, Brooklyn, N.Y.

I think the war in Iraq should stop. About one million Iraqis were killed for nothing.

Matthew Sadlowski, 5th grade, Queens, N.Y.

I think the rapper Nas Sparks should have never written the n-word on a t-shirt. Because he is insulting black people. Also because he's black.

Jeannette Ruiz, 5th grade, Queens, N.Y.

I think when someone comes to the U.S.A., the government should give some money to the people.

Toma Faeza, 5th grade, Queens, N.Y.

One million estimated number of Iraqis killed is horrible. They didn't do anything. Also, people are being forced to leave their homes.

Leslie Garcia, 5th grade, Queens, N.Y.

People all over the world don't have enough money to support their family. In parts of Africa, some people don't have jobs and don't have money.

Bianca R. Curatolo, 5th grade, Queens, N.Y.

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RECIPE

Chinese Hot and Cold Sesame Noodles

- 1/2 pound spaghetti
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup smooth peanut butter, softened in microwave 15 seconds
- 2 tablespoons cider or rice wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon dark sesame oil
- 2 cups shredded cabbage and carrot mixed together
- 1 cup bean sprouts or pea shoots
- 3 scallions, chopped
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- optional: hot sauce

1. Cook pasta to al dente (still chewy, not too soft), then put it in a colander and run cold water over it.
2. In the bottom of a large bowl stir together the soy sauce, peanut butter, vinegar and sesame oil.
3. Add the noodles and veggies and toss until everything is coated evenly with sauce.
4. Sprinkle the sesame seeds and scallions on top, and...YUM!!!

by Pedro Lahoz Wolfe



LEO GARCIA

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN..



THE DAYS ARE GETTING SHORTER AND COLDER...



AND SCHOOL'S ABOUT TO START AGAIN.



GEEZ! DIDN'T IT JUST END?!



GARY MARTIN



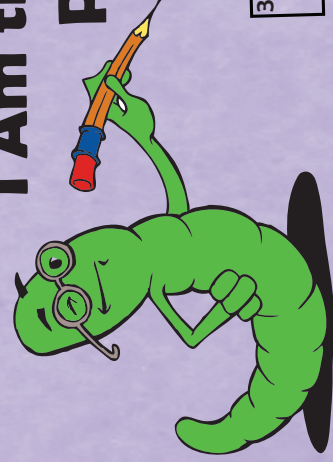
Who Are We?



1. We won the silver, gold and bronze medals for the 200 meter race in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.
2. Two of us made the Black Power salute with our fists raised to protest racism in the United States. We went shoeless to represent black poverty. One of us wore a jacket unzipped to show solidarity with workers.
3. One of us is a white Australian who was supportive of the protest action and helped plan it.
4. The two of us who made the salute were kicked out of the Olympic Games for our political action and received death threats. Decades later, we received awards and documentary films have been made about our protest.

Answer: Peter Norman (left), Tommie Smith (center) and John Carlos

I Am the President Who...



Across

3. Signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed African-Americans from slavery
4. Was in office during the Vietnam War's Tet Offensive in 1968
5. Tried to invade Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis
6. Invaded Iraq in 2003

Down

1. Resigned from office to avoid being impeached for the Watergate scandal
2. Implemented a program of economic reforms and work relief called the New Deal to help poor Americans during the Depression

Answers: 1. Nixon 2. Roosevelt 3. Lincoln 4. Johnson 5. Kennedy 6. Bush